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Sir:

Please cancel Claims 1-20 and substitute the following fifty-six (56) claims:

21 1. An isolated nucleic acid fragment encoding a tobacco MFP1 protein selected from the group consisting of:

- (a) an isolated nucleic acid fragment encoding all or a substantial portion of the amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NO:2, and SEQ ID NO:4;
- (b) an isolated nucleic acid fragment that is substantially similar to an isolated nucleic acid fragment encoding all or a substantial portion of the amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NO:2, and SEQ ID NO:4;

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